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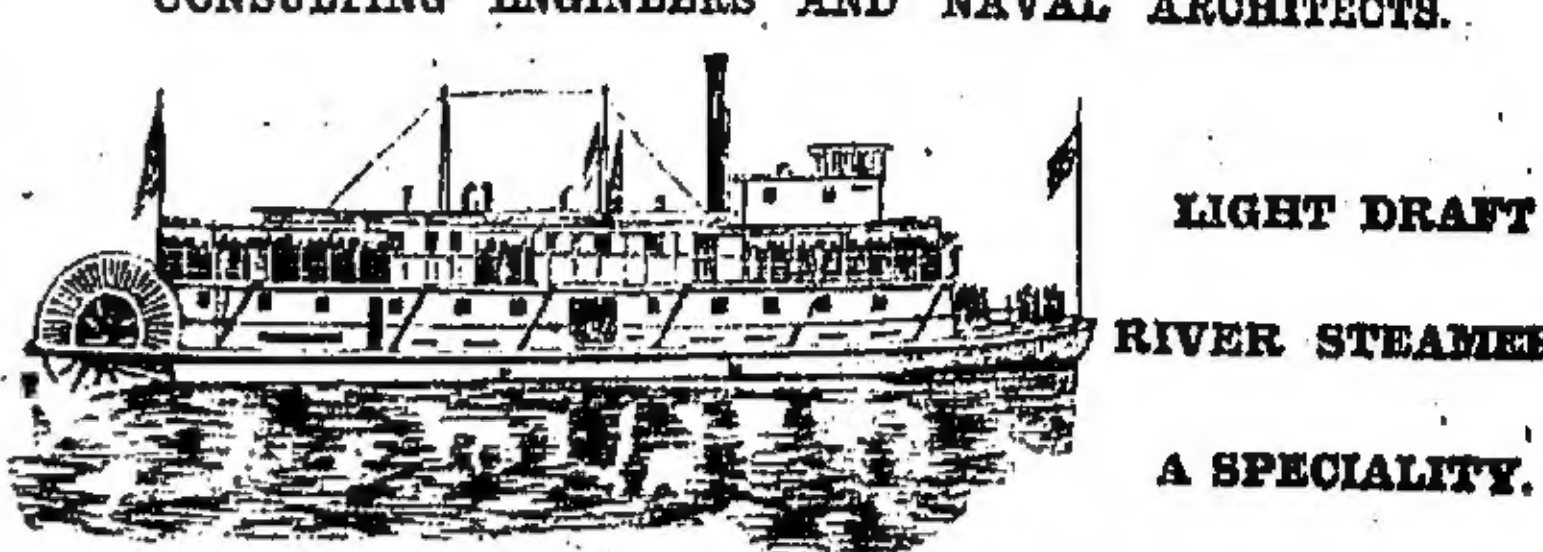
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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

LONDON, March 11.

The *Granta*, the leading Cambridge University paper, protests against the description of undergraduates as 'students' and tells us: 'You may find students in Edinburgh and the other universities north of the Tweed. But at Oxford and Cambridge the species is practically non-existent. I have long suspected this to be the case, and am glad to have it officially confirmed. I know well that a man goes to a Scottish university to work, setting before him an ideal of plain living and high thinking, very different from the plan of campaign at Oxford or Cambridge. The Scot who covets a degree desires it for his own satisfaction as an evidence of substantial scholarship, and though he spends perhaps a third of the amount he gets better value for his money. I dare not say that better value is offered, for the honours man of Oxford or Cambridge is quite equal to the honours man of Edinburgh, but the pass man in Scotland is a better scholar, though less of an athlete than the poll man of the south. It is scarcely inappropriate to quote another sentence from the *Granta*. We regret that no criticism of 'My Lady Virtue' can appear this week, as our dramatic critic was prostrated last Tuesday night on Parker's Place, and has been unable to rise since.'

More than half a century ago, the shopping, but the present position has at least three. What a man wants, he goes and buys and there is an end of it; but a woman distinguishes between sales shopping, specialty shopping and chance shopping. A certain season of the year, she rushes in her thousands to Regent Street and Bond Street to revel in the bargains marked down from 7/11 to 5/11. At any time, she may (as a man could not do if he tried) rally forth for an afternoon in the shops, without the ghost of an idea what she intends to purchase, but with the certainty of a pleasant and probably profitable excursion. Chance shopping depends on the weather. Last summer began on Wednesday of this week, and the dealers hastened to fill their windows with the ground bait alluring to the fish for which they sought. Caught by the eye, lovely woman hesitates, and bangs go many shillings. This year, chance shopping has not been very successful. The elements have been against it, and times have been so hard that very few of us have any money for our controllers to spend.

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Epiglot	cruiser, 1st class	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Newchwang
Fam	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Fearless	cruiser, 1st class	1580	12	3200	Captain W. A. Carter	Shanghai
Glory	torpedo boat destroyer	12,950	16	13,500	Lieut.-Comr. H. L. Well	Mira Bay
Hardy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. J. D. Daintree	Shanghai
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. O. Asser	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Shanghai
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Shanghai
Kinsh	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	16	31,500	Captain R. F. Foote, C.M.G.	Shanghai
Leviathan	river gunboat	180	2	600	Lt.-Com. G. G. Codrington	Shanghai
Med	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Commander W. H. Nicholson	Hongkong
Otter	sloop	1015	6	1400	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Shanghai
Phoenix	surveying-vessel	835	6	650	Com. J. S. A. Wake	Shanghai
Rinaldo	river gunboat	980	10	1400	Lt.-Com. John P. Irvan	Shanghai
Robin	sloop	85	2	240	Comdr. T. Jackson	Shanghai
Rossini	river gunboat	980	6	1400	Capt. O. H. H. Moore	Shanghai
Sandpiper	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Sirius	river gunboat	85	2	240	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Snipe	river gunboat	355	6	6300	Captain Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Sparrowhawk	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	5500	Commodore Dickson	Hongkong
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	4650	13	9000	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Hongkong
Talbot	cruiser, 2nd class	180	2	800	Capt. J. A. O. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Talbot	receiving ship	5400	8	9000	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Talbot	river gunboat	363	3	200	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	12,950	16	13,500	Comdr. A. B. Barker	Hongkong
Twoed	coast defence gunboat	980	10	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest O. Hardy	Hongkong
Vengeance	battleship, 1st class	355	6	6300	In Reserve	Hongkong
Vestal	sloop	620	2	450	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hongkong
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	5500	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	150	2	550		Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	150	2	550		Hongkong
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550		Hongkong
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550		Hongkong

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	2437	18	7300	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberger	Shanghai
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austrian cruiser	4000	—	—	Captain Mirth	Chfoo
Acheron	French gunboat	1796	—	—	Captain Lafferriere	Shigon
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Canton
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Croppin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Shigon
Avallanche	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	680	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Haiphong
Bugeaud	French cruiser	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lafere	Shanghai
Chateaufort	French cruiser	6018	18	—	Capt. V. Poldione	Shanghai
Comete	French gunboat	890	—	—	Commander Loutel	Shanghai
Decidie	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Commander Guthrie	Shigon
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Le Gollou	Haiphong
Lion	French gunboat	9700	12	19,600	Capt. Bence	Shigon
Montcalm	French cruiser	4015	27	8500	Captain Aron	Shigon
Olry	French gunboat	9437	8	6071	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	1796	10	—	Captain Seute	Shanghai
Redoubtable	French cruiser	829	2	900	Capt. Vincent	Shigon
Six	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Thomas	Shigon
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Hongkong
Takings	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Yangtsi
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	—	Shigon
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Along Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Carton
Vipere	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Shigon
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Husa	Amoy
Furst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Provo	Kiautschow
Geier	German cruiser	1776	15	2860	Comdr. von Studnitz	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Capt. Schroeder	Hongkong
Hertha	German cruiser	8000	37	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelman	Kiautschow
Ilia	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Capt. Baron M. Hillebrand	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Willbrandt	Shanghai
Lina	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Kroncke	Kiautschow
Möwe	German gunboat	1529	—	—	Comdr. Fasper	Hongkong
Seeadler	German cruiser	1649	15	2800	Comdr. Pontius	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Deimling	Shanghai
Vorwarts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Comdr. von Weise	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dieck	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2730	10	7471	Captain Volcelli	Shanghai
Fiammetta	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Zuerne	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4600	24	6830	Captain Zedi	Shanghai
Vettor Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Oali	Shanghai
Dix	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barbosa Lodi	Macao
Alcouet	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Anauro	Russian cruiser	2800	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatchikoff	Port Arthur
Askold	Russian cruiser	9000	27	—	Capt. Reitzenstein	Sunk (?)
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500	—	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3200	6	—	—	Sunk
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjckovitch	—
Bogatyr	Russian cruiser	6640	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Diana	Russian cruiser	6731	6	—	—	Port Arthur
Djighil	Russian gunboat	1466	3	1700	Capt. Nasarovsky	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3600	Comdr. Yoniff	Port Arthur
Oreniastoby	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagarsky	—
Gromobol	Russian cruiser	12,324	44	14,600	Captain Jessen	Vladivostok
Gulibak	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1300	Comdr. Zerkov	—
Koreetz	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novokov	Sunk
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commander Crown	Shanghai
Navarin	Russian battleship	10,206	12	9000	—	Port Arthur
Nevik	Russian cruiser	3000	6	17,000	—	—
Otrajay	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Port Arthur
Pallada	Russian cruiser	9731	12	—	—	Shanghai (?)
Peresviet	Russian battleship	12,474	15	14,600	Captain Koroff	—
Petrovavlovsk	Russian battleship	10,486	15	10,800	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Podolsk	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,600	Capt. Zatsarskij	Port Arthur
Polava	Russian battleship	10,960	15	10,800	Captain Osoroff	Port Arthur
Ranboynica	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1788	Comdr. Livon	Port Arthur
Retviznia	Russian battleship	12,902	18	16,000	—	Shanghai (?)
Rossia	Russian protected cruiser	12,320	68	17,000	Captain Sapelrennifoff	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,983	36	10,800	Capt. Matsuyoshi	Vladivostok
Svenstovsk	Russian gunboat	10,980	18	10,800	Captain Seberennikoff	Port Arthur
Siladon	Russian gunboat	1060	2	1125	Lieut. Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sivotch	Russian gunboat	950	8	1120	Comdr. Ginter	Newchwang
Taravich	Russian battleship	12,900	36	16,300	—	Shanghai (?)
Taryag	Russian cruiser	6510	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Sunk
Vesudnik	Russian gunboat	600	6	3300	Comdr. Zagorianaky-Klaes	Port Arthur
Zabiyka	Russian cruiser	1280	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3600	—	—	Capt. Dyer	Cavite
Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	1227	Capt. Rohrer	Shanghai
Callao	U. S. cruiser	325	—	—	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3213	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Shanghai
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1190	—	1800	Captain Hend	Singapore
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	640	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. Hood	Shanghai
Elk	U. S. gunboat	1122	6	1983	Capt. Searles	Shanghai
Kinkaid	U. S. flagship	11,600	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Barry	Shanghai
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3980	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monomacy	U. S. gunboat	1270	6	550	Comdr. Denfield	Tekin
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. W. H. Beebles	Canton
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3437	20	—	Commander Sperry	Madras
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,338	45	—	Captain Bevel	Kobe
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	4000	—	—	Commander G. L. Dyer	Shanghai
Salish	U. S. cruiser	3313	—	—	Captain Nataro	Shanghai
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	13	1118	Commander Marshall	Shanghai
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. L. C. Barcollette	Shanghai
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1287	8	1284	Comdr. O. R. Harris	Shanghai

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BIRTH.
At Swatow, on the 12th April, the Wife of Arthur MacGowan, of a Daughter.
Mrs W. F. BARKER begs to return her heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy she has received in the sad loss she and her children have sustained by the death of her husband.
Roxford Gas Works,
14th April, 1904.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1904.

At the meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce held to discuss the advisability of adopting the gold standard in Hongkong, it was stated by one member, an opponent of the proposal, that the gold standard had been a failure in India and not a success in Japan. As he was deemed 'an expert' by those who heard him, his statement was allowed to go uncontradicted at the time. Some months later, when official reports and statistics were available, he showed that his statement, so far as it related to India, was absolutely incorrect, and a gentleman engaged in the Indian trade wrote in support of the opinion we advanced based on the responsible reports from India. In the meanwhile, our Manila correspondent, who has a long and intimate acquaintance with the trade of the Philippines, has written in support of the change to a gold standard in the Philippines and now we have the authority of a representative body in Japan for the statement that the gold standard has been a success in Japan. So that the statement of at least one 'expert' who is believed to have influenced Sir Henry Blake against any change of currency in Hongkong is, as we suspected at the time, absolutely worthless, so far as he referred to eastern countries that have adopted the gold standard. Is it not therefore highly probable that this cocksure 'expert', who was absolutely inaccurate where questions of fact were at issue, was utterly incapable of giving an unbiased and reasonable opinion on the problematical question of the effect of changing Hongkong's currency?

Our statements with regard to Japan are based upon the report for 1903 of the Yokohama Foreign Board of Trade. We must assume that the gentlemen responsible for that report know more about the trade of Japan than anyone in Hongkong, however expert that individual may be in currency matters. This is what the Yokohama body has to say:—'The Gold Standard of Japan, which has now been in operation for over six years, having come into force on the 1st October, 1897, continues to work smoothly and to facilitate trade, affording great convenience in all transactions with foreign countries.' The report goes on to say:—

'The Gold Reserve of the Bank of Japan, which, at the commencement of the year under review stood at Y.108,033,000, against a Note issue of Y.230,809,000, rose steadily between the months of March and September, and by the end of the year stood at Y.113,384,000, against a Note issue of Y.211,890,000. These figures, compared with the position at the end of each of the four previous years, as shown below, will be regarded as very satisfactory:—

	Gold Reserve.	Note Issue.
1903	Y.113,384,000	Y.211,890,000
1902	Y.108,033,000	Y.230,809,000
1901	68,500,000	186,000,000
1900	66,000,000	215,000,000
1899	110,500,000	225,000,000

It is noteworthy that, notwithstanding the balance of trade for the year 1903 being Y.27,633,000 against Japan, the imports of Treasure exceeded the exports by Y.8,806,000.

The following table gives the Imports and Exports of Gold during the past eight years, and embraces the whole period affected by Japan's adoption of the Gold Standard:—

	Imports.	Exports.
1896	Y.10,217,458	Y.1,906,275
1897	64,313,492	8,883,797
1898	37,027,762	48,281,343
1899	20,084,685	9,788,306
1900	9,067,184	51,761,614
1901	10,851,267	11,477,692
1902	30,183,670	463,313
1903	27,907,469	19,001,198

Excess of Import ... 90,044,577

The paragraph in the report dealing with Exchange shows that the fluctuation was between 2/0 1/2 per yen as the Bank's selling rate for demand drafts on London (an unusually high rate) at the commencement of 1903 to 2/0 1/2 on the 29th December. What would not traders in Hongkong give to have only such a fluctuation to face? It is not a

matter of sixteenths of a penny here, but of pennies. It is interesting to have this evidence from Japan, for while it may not prove that Hongkong could introduce the gold standard with safety it goes to prove, with the evidence to hand from elsewhere, that the statements made at the currency meeting by opponents of reform were absolutely erroneous, misleading and worthless.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The University Boat Race.
The betting on the University boat race between Oxford and Cambridge on the eve of the race was 13 to 3 on Cambridge.

The New Governor.
It is understood that, according to present arrangements, Sir Matthew Nathan, the new Governor of the Colony, starts from England for Hongkong in July next.

France and Siam.
In connection with the ratification of the Franco-Siam Treaty, four members of the French Civil Service in Indo-China have been appointed to go to Siam to study the country.

For Gunnery Practice.
The War Office Council has decided that the heavy batteries (40-pounder rifled breechloaders) of Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers shall this year be given a double allowance (300 rounds per battery) of practice ammunition.

International Lawn Tennis.
The United States National Lawn Tennis Association has cabled to the Secretary of the English Lawn Tennis Association that it will not take part in the contest for the Davis International Cup, to be held at the All-England ground, Wimbledon, in July.

Gamblers in Trouble.
Inspector Williamson prosecuted a Chinaman for gambling in a public place, and a fine of \$5, in default fourteen days' imprisonment, was imposed. When the police raided the gang who were playing, the kerosene lamp was exploded and only one man was captured.

Collision in the Harbour.
Yesterday morning a steam launch, believed to be the 'Yat Fat', collided with a sampan containing two Chinese women and a baby. The sampan was capsized and the occupants thrown into the water. They were all picked up and escaped with a drowning and a shock. The collision took place near the Kowloon wharf.

Band at King Edward Hotel.
By kind permission of Lt. Col. Innes and Officers, the Band of the 13th Buffs Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, on Friday, the 16th April, weather permitting:—

March: 'Field Service' Ord Hume
Overture: 'Stradella' Flotow
Selection: 'The Rose of Persia' Sullivan
Dance: 'The Sun Shines' Waller
Selection: 'Little Christopher Columbus' Ivan Caryll
Valse: 'Gloire de Dijon' Andrew Maurika
Mazurka: 'La Comtesse' Translated

Larceny from a Dwelling House.
Yesterday it was reported that a thief had gained admittance to Mr. Chan Tung Shang's residence, Seymour Road. Entrance was effected by climbing on to the verandah on the first floor. Here a door was found open and the thief walked in. He discovered a couple of rings in the room and decamped. The value of the articles stolen is estimated at \$553. At the time of the larceny the occupants of the house were on the ground floor, but did not see the thief. No trace as to the identity of the thief has yet been found.

The Troubadours.
Last night's performance of the Troubadours, now performing at the City Hall, was much better than the previous ones. Mr. Will Lamsdowne was in fine singing voice, and he was enthusiastically recalled each time he appeared. Mr. G. V. Loyd scored a triumph with his patter and his dancing. His appearance was responsible for many a hearty laugh. The Zancig gave another interesting display of mental telepathy which demonstrated the complete union in which their minds work. Professor Zancig placed Madame Zancig in a hypnotic sleep and showed that the same result of thought transmission could be obtained whether his subject was hypnotized or not. To-night the Zancigs will give further exhibitions of hypnotism and thought transmission, and subjects from the audience will be selected to work on, if they are willing. To-morrow night Professor Zancig will put a subject into a hypnotic sleep for twenty-four hours, if he can secure a subject. A complete change of programme is advertised for to-night and the last three nights are announced.

Best Treatment.
Influenza is always more or less prevalent at this season of the year. This disease is very similar to a severe cold and if allowed to take its course is liable to cause serious results. The best treatment for influenza is to avoid exposure and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This medicine gives immediate relief and if used as directed, will ward off all dangerous consequences. It leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors. WATSON'S Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The final tie for the English football cup will be played at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, the 23rd inst.

The railway from Liverpool to Southampton, which has been converted to an electric system, has been opened.

The Goldsmiths' Company has presented to London University its Polytechnic Institute at New Cross, valued at £100,000.

On the 23rd ult., the King opened the new wing of the Law Society's Hall, in Chancery-lane. The Queen accompanied his Majesty.

The M.C.C. have definitely decided to invite the cricket team which went to Australia under Mr. P. F. Warner's captaincy to a dinner.

Peter Latham and Punch Fairs have arranged to decide the Professional Lawn Tennis Championship at Brighton on May 16, 18, and 20.

Mr. J. F. Byrne, the old English Rugby football international, has been appointed captain of the Warwickshire cricket team this year.

Two Englishmen were arrested at Yamada, Ise, on the 31st ult. for having photographed the Great Imperial Shrine and had their apparatus confiscated by the authorities.

The total number of patients seen by the Doctor at the Pakhoi Medical and Leprosy Mission during 1903 was 31,183. There were 731 in-door patients and 1224 operations were performed.

It is announced that Madame Patti has abandoned her third 'farewell' tour in the United States. Patti was born at Madrid in 1843, and made her debut at New York on 24th November, 1859.

An important stage in the Dover National Harbour Works was reached on the 8th ult., when the last foundation block of the great Western arm was laid. The arm extends over 400 feet to sea.

Colonel Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean of Dunst and Morvoren, resigns the Presidency of the Highland Society of London, which he has held for years, and will be succeeded by Colonel the Marquess of Tullibardine.

Although the famine in the north did not reach Pakhoi, its effects were severely felt. Food, especially rice, was very dear, and the mission there felt the pinch. The distress was relieved by a plentiful harvest in the autumn.

Lieutenant the Hon. R. F. Molyneux, who served in the Tirah Campaign, was severely wounded at Khartoum, and was on the Imperial Yeomanry Staff in South Africa, is resigning from the Royal Horse Guards, in which regiment he is Senior Lieutenant.

We have received a copy of the Pakhoi Medical and Leprosy Mission Report for 1903, from Dr. L. G. Hill, which shows the excellent work done during the year. The total contributions received was \$13,161.71, but the balance sheet still shows a deficit.

Another Torpedo for Japan.
The Japanese torpedo-boat 'Hashidaka', which was under construction at the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Yard, Kobe, has been completed.

Russian Patriotic Contributions.
The Emperor of Russia contributes two hundred million roubles to the Navy Fund from his private purse. Another hundred million is said to have been subscribed by the Society of Old Believers, an extremely religious sect, who refused to acquiesce in certain changes in the Russian Church service two hundred years ago.

The Siberian Railway.
The following paragraph is taken from the Standard of the 9th ult.:—Mr. Burt, who has resigned the Presidency of the Union Pacific Railway, states (our New York Correspondent telegraphs) that he has accepted an appointment as adviser to the Siberian and Orenburg-Tashkend Railways. He receives one hundred thousand dollars (gold) for a year's service.

Complimentary Dinner at Bangkok.
The Bangkok Times of the 2nd inst. says:—In response to a universally expressed wish, a farewell dinner in honour of Mr. T. McCall Brown is being arranged. It will take place at the United Club on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst. We are asked to state that Mr. T. F. Carline, of the British Legation, has kindly consented to act as hon. secretary and treasurer, that as the time is short those who desire to be present should send their names to him without delay, if they have not already notified some other member of the committee who have the matter in hand. Mr. Brown is also to be the recipient of a presentation from the members of the United Club. All Bangkok, in fact, feels that Mr. Brown will be greatly missed. Mr. Brown is the Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Bangkok.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ANGO-FRENCH AGREEMENT.

Siam.
LONDON, April 11.
The official text of the agreement in reference to Siam says that the two parties, disclaiming all idea of annexation of territory, and being resolved to abstain from anything opposed to existing treaties, agree that their action shall be exercised freely in the sphere of influence East and West of Menam basin respectively.

The New Treaty Between France and Siam.
The Paris correspondent of the Standard writes on the 7th ult.:—

The Bill for the ratification of the Treaty between France and Siam, signed on February 13, has just been distributed to Deputies. In the Chamber M. Delcasse says that this new Convention, which replaces that of October 7, 1902, was negotiated with the desire to re-establish with Siam sufficiently friendly relations to permit the French 'to look for a wide expansion of their influence, and also to promote the development and the prosperity of French Indo-China. All the concessions obtained by the 1902 Treaty have been preserved, and the new stipulations confer additional rights in the Mekong Valley and define the position of the French protégés in Siam. With regard to that portion of the Kingdom of Luang-Prabang all possibility of conflict and dispute has been removed. From Chien-ang to Bangkok the course of the Mekong separates the French possessions from those of Siam, but by concessions of land and by the authorisation to construct railways on the right bank of the river, where it is not navigable, the French will enjoy valuable facilities. Access to the Tonkin Gulf which is granted to the French, completes the advantages. The Bangkok Government had, in the 1902 Treaty, undertaken to keep in the basin of the Mekong no other than Siamese troops, and also not to construct fortifications in the area to be ceded to France. These stipulations are maintained, and, in addition, the Siamese Government undertakes to apply to France for the execution of all the great public works in that part of Siam which cannot be carried out with Siamese capital and Siamese engineers.

A Mixed Boundary Commission is to be appointed immediately after the ratification of the present Treaty, but even before that the two Governments will determine the principal points of the frontier, and especially the point where it will reach the Gulf of Siam. M. Delcasse states that 'the Siamese Government is already warned that we require this new frontier line, starting from the Western bank of the Great Lake, to reach the sea to the North of Krati, which is the best port of the coast, and which will consequently leave to us the whole of the band of territory extending along the coast in a South-easterly direction.' The application of this Treaty to our most legitimate interests, he says, appears, says M. Delcasse, 'indisputable'.

It is not to be doubted that Siam is fully conscious that we exact nothing more than a share of influence in strict proportion to our position as a great neighbouring Power, and that she understands that her own prosperity will result from ours.

EGYPT AND THE POWERS.
LONDON, April 12.
A despatch from Lord Lansdowne to Sir E. Monson emphasises the French recognition of the prominent position of Great Britain in Egypt. A new Khedival decree annexed to a declaration and accepted by France will, if accepted by the other Powers, give Egypt a free hand in the disposal of her own resources. The functions of the Caisse will be strictly limited to receiving the assigned revenues and paying Coupons, and will have no right to interfere with the general administration of the country. The Economic Fund, which now amounts to £5,500,000, will be handed over to the Egyptian Government. There is a reasonable hope that there will be no serious obstacle to the promulgation of the Khedival decree by the other Powers, whose holding in the Egyptian debt is quite insignificant, but should unexpected obstacles arise, England can count on the support of French diplomacy to overcome them. Lord Cromer considers that the time is not ripe for modifying the legislative and judicial systems, but, when the time comes, England has sufficient grounds for counting on French co-operation for effecting the necessary changes.

A Bal Masque.
The Singapore Free Press of the 6th inst. reports:—At a private dance at Government House last night the novelty was that everybody came in masks and dominoes, the disguise of the guests in most cases being very effective until their speech betrayed them. All the guests unmasked at 11.30. The scene, with its sense of mystery, gay movement, and endless variety of colour, was one of the most picturesque possible.

The Kwangsi Rebellion.
The report of the Pakhoi Medical and Leprosy Mission says in connection with the Kwangsi Rebellion that they have had many patients who have been wounded by the rebels and they have quite a museum of bullets extracted from several of them. Sometimes the pirates went to the Hospital themselves, as the following incident suggests. A man went one day saying he was travelling with others on a boat loaded with a cargo of wood when they were attacked by pirates. In the affray he was struck on the leg and came to the Mission to have the bullet extracted. It was removed at the time that his appearance made it more than likely he was the pirate and had got his wound deservedly.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour, Sir W. M. Goodman, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, April 14, 1904.

SOLICITORS AND THEIR CLIENTS.
Cheong Kam Tin alias Cheung Yung sued Mr. C. Ewens (of Messrs Ewens and Harston) for the recovery of \$94,382.04, damages, costs and interest thereon from October 30, 1903 in respect to the purchase of Farm Lot No. 15.

Mr. H. E. Pollock (instructed by Mr. G. K. H. Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.O. (instructed by defendant) appeared for the defence.

After the taking of evidence had concluded Mr. Sharp said that the plaintiff alleged that he was induced to make the contract by the defendant's misrepresentation. The plaintiff's case was one of fraud inasmuch as the negligence referred to came under two heads—negligence in not getting to know the arrangements, which falls as Mr. Ewens admits he did know, and negligence in not informing the plaintiff of the arrangements, and that unconsciously assumed to fraud. He submitted that the plaintiff had failed to prove fraud, and that the witnesses for the defence had actually proved the contrary. He denied that the plaintiff had employed Mr. Ewens to act as solicitor. Mr. Ewens explained that he had a share in the business, and could not act as a solicitor. He knew of the arrangement with the Government and explained that the plaintiff's case had failed and asked for judgment for defendant.

Mr. Pollock said that so far as Mr. Ewens was concerned he was satisfied from the evidence he gave that no mischief from the evidence was made by the plaintiff with the intent to deceive the plaintiff, but there were other aspects of the case which have to be taken into consideration. Mr. Ewens occupied a somewhat singular position as Manager of the China Commercial Company, and amongst the others he possessed was power to increase the capital of the share-holders. Mr. Ewens stated that he had formed the plaintiff that he could not act as a solicitor, but both Mr. Rumbach and Sin Tak Fan (Mr. Ewens' clerk) said that what they remembered him saying was to the effect that the plaintiff could get another solicitor if he liked.

The Chief Justice remarked that he had not Mr. Ewens given the evidence he had, he (the Chief Justice) would have had some remarks to make, but after Mr. Ewens' evidence, he did not see what could be done. Mr. Ewens could not force the plaintiff to go to another solicitor.

Mr. Pollock contended that there was sufficient evidence on behalf of the plaintiff to show that he was mistaken as to what he was purchasing.

The Chief Justice delivered judgment for defendant with costs.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour, Mr. T. S. Seneviratne, Acting District Judge.)
Thursday April 14, 1904.

A CLAIM FOR GOODS SOLD.
The Tak Cheong Wo firm sued the Yee Cheong firm for \$983.39, for groceries, etc., sold and delivered.

Mr. E. J. Grant (of Messrs Wilkinson and Grant) appeared for the plaintiffs, while Mr. T. P. Bett represented the defendants. Judgment was given for plaintiffs.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED POISONING.

A Narrow Escape.
An attempt to poison a Chinese woman at Kowloon City, which fortunately failed, is alleged to have taken place on Tuesday evening.

It appears that an old Chinese woman was boiling rice in her house about 8 o'clock at night, when she had occasion to leave the room for a few minutes. While she was outside she saw a Chinaman, with whom she was acquainted, enter her house.

She saw him approach the rice pot and look into it. Knowing the man she did not pay much attention to the incident, but some little time afterwards she glanced at the rice and saw some yellow looking matter on it. She skimmed off the matter and threw it into the pig-wash. Little dreaming of the nature of the substance she had skimmed off, she ate a portion of her meal.

Some time elapsed, and then she began to feel ill and vomited. A doctor was summoned and he gave the woman an emetic. She told her story and search was made for the man she had seen in her house, but he was found to have disappeared. No trace has since been seen of him.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

At the Magistrate's to-day, before Mr. J. H. Kemp, Tsoi Wai, of the Sung Li Dutchery, contractors to the military authorities, was charged with offering a bribe of \$20 to Inspector A. Watson, of the Cattle Depot.

Mr. J. Hastings appeared on behalf of the accused, and Chief Detective Inspector Hanson conducted the prosecution.

Mrs. Watson said that on April 11 at about 8.45 a.m., Tsoi Wai came to the house and asked for the Inspector. On being informed that Mr. Watson was absent he waited for awhile and then left, but before going he slipped an envelope into her child's hand. Mrs. Watson took the envelope from the child and found it contained two \$10 notes. On her husband's return she handed them to him. She had known the defendant for several years, and he had been friendly with her child. Witness had often noticed the children get small presents from the Chinaman that called, but it was usually about \$1.

Inspector Watson said that Defendant had a large number of letters in the Cattle Depot, some of which were in the Observer's Hand. Quite recently some of his cattle had died from sickness.

In defence it was contended that the money was given to the child, but not for the Inspector.

His Worship finally adjourned the further hearing until 2.15 p.m. to-morrow.

Tokyo to Seoul.

At the next general meeting of shareholders of the Sanyo Railway Co., Japan, the Board of Directors intend to bring forward a proposal for the construction of a line to run between Shin-osaka and Fukuoka, thus placing Tokyo in direct communication with Seoul.

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From.	To.	Date of Leaving.
Tejpana (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 23.
Trinidad Heinrich (s)	Melchers & Co.	April 27.
Bayern (s)	Melchers & Co.	May 25.
Suavia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 25.
Artemisia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	May 8.
Marburg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	May 17.
Pronto (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 27, Daylight
Tijlshat (s)	China-Land T'ing Co.	End half of April
Tulman (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 19, at 4 p.m.
Tolmachus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 10.
Antenor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 10.
Beralder (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About May 7.
Bengal (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 23, at Noon
Palawan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 27.
Malasia (s)	Messageries Maritimes	April 19, at 1 p.m.
Shawmut (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About April 30.
Rubi (s)	Swansea, Tames & Co.	April 18, at 10 a.m.
Zafro (s)	Swansea, Tames & Co.	April 23, at 10 a.m.
Sungsiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 15, at 10 a.m.
Loonang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	April 18, at 4 p.m.
Shimosa (s)	Dodwell & Co. Ltd.	About May Early
Ohama (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 23.
Anhui (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 16 Daylight
Wouong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 16.
Yma.	Messageries Maritimes	About April 20.
May (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	About April 20, p.m.
Calcutta.	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	April 18 at 3 p.m.
Tamsui (s)	Swansea, Tames & Co.	April 17, at 10 a.m.
Taiwan (s)	Oosaka Shosen Kaisha.	April 17, at 10 a.m.
Tamsui	Oosaka Shosen Kaisha.	April 20, at 10 a.m.
Tamsui	Oosaka Shosen Kaisha.	April 24, at 10 a.m.
Tamsui	Oosaka Shosen Kaisha.	April 27, at 10 a.m.
Foochow	Douglas Lapskrit & Co.	April 15, at 10 a.m.
Wanfooh	Douglas Lapskrit & Co.	April 17, Daylight
Tsain Kanu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 8.
Tacoma	Dodwell & Co. Limited	May 4.
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Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	April 20.
Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 11.
Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 19.
Manila & Bacuquem (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	April 10, p.m.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

April 14, 1904.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotation Cash.
BANKS.				{ \$640, buyers
and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125	all	{ London, 283
Bank of China, Limited	18,970	£ 10	£ 8	\$354, buyers
	29,956	£ 10	£ 8	\$354, buyers

Founders' shares	750	£	1	£	1	810
Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	250	£	50	8175
Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£	83.33	£	25	8371 buyers
Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	15	£	5	8115 buyers
Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	250	£	60	8190 buyers
Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	£	100	£	60	8135

Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	100	20	\$20
Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$	280	50	\$285
DOCKS, ETC.					
Thompson Dock Co. Ltd.,	50,000	\$	50	all	\$206, buyers
and Co., Limited.	6,000	\$	25	25	\$47
Dock Co. Ltd.	8,000	\$	23	23	\$374, sellers

	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15	
DOCK CO., N. Y. C.					
Wm. Boyd & Co. Ld.					
BOATS, TUGS, ETC.					
Wm. S. S. Co., Ld.	30,000	\$ 50	\$ 50		\$22, sell off
Partnership Co., Limited	20,000	\$ 60	all	\$25, sales	
M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	\$ 15	15	\$28, sales	
Wm. S. S. Co., Limited	80,000	\$ 10	all	\$23, buyers	

S. N. Company, Ltd.	10,000	£	10	£	10	£	10	£
Company, Ltd.	10,000	£	10	£	5	£	18	£
ort & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	1	£	1	£	20	£
Preference.	100,000	£	10	£	10	£	25	£
d Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	35	Tls.
d Lighter Co., Ltd.	200,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	47	Tls.
	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	48	Tls.

Company, Limited.....	20,000	\$	100	a	\$123
Company, Limited.....	7,000	\$	100	a	\$10, sellers
Oilivation Co., Ltd....	7,000	Tls.	50	T 50	Tls. 50, sales
Wharves.					
Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	\$	50	all	\$84, buyers
Wharf & Godown Co.	30,100	Tls.	100	Tls.	180

Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd.	20,000	Fls. 100	Fls. 100	Fls. 100
and Building Co., Ltd.				
Investment and Building Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$ 100	100	\$145, buyers
Investment Co., Ltd.	52,000	Fls. 50	Fls. 50	Fls. 147, sellers
Investment and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$35

Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,760	100	33	18.30	116.10
Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	10	10	all	\$10.60, buyers.
Building Co., Limited...	57,000	10	2 1/2	22.60	sales & buyers
TRAMWAYS.	12,500	50	8	50	\$53
Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all		\$360
MINING.					

Minning Co., Ltd.....	80,000	£	11	all	\$1, sellers
Preference shares.....	80,000	£	1	all	25 cents
Compagnie des Charbon-	16,000	Fcs. 250		all	8500
tonkin.....					
Gold Mining Co., Ltd....	200,000	£	1	18/10	\$61, sales & sellers
Hotels, etc.					
Hotel Company, Ltd. ...	12,000	£	60	all	\$122, sellers

Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin).....	2,000	1,115.00	115.00	115.00	buyers
Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai).....	30,000	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$125	buyers
NECESSARIES.					
.....n & Co., Limited.....	20,000	\$ 10		\$140	buyers
.....nited.....	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$63	buyers
LUGGAGE.					
China Gas Co., Limited.....	7,000	\$ 10	all	\$140	buyers

as Company, Ltd.....	8,000	£15.	50	£15.00	£15.12 1/2 sales
Electric Co., Limited.....	30,000	£	10	£	\$13, sales
es (new issue).....	30,000	£	10	£	5 50¢, buyers
IK AND CEMENT.....					
nt Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	£	10	£	10 32 1/2, ex div., sales
NON-FERROUS.					
ons Eastern Agency, (2 800 1/2	2 12 1/2	2 12 1/2	2 5	2 5 sellers

atos Oriental Agency,	9,000 ordy	10	4	\$9, buyers
Water-boat Co., Ltd.	100,000	10	10	\$210, buyers
Fairy Farm Co.	7,000	10	10	\$15, sellers
Company, Limited	10,000	7 1/2	all	\$120, buyers
Waterworks Co., Ltd.	5,000	25	all	\$22, sellers
	7,200 £	20	2 1/2	Tis. 400, ex div.

ington Company, Ltd.....	20,000	\$	5	\$	5	21, sellers
the Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	6	\$	6	140, sellers
otton Spinning Co., Ltd.	100,000	\$	10	\$	10	144, sellers
Spinning and Weav-	20,030	Tls.	50	Tls	50	Tls. 33, sellers
otton Manufactur-	10,000	Tls.	75	Tls.	75	Tls. 25